

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1 and 8-10 by rewriting the same as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a silicone mould useful for baking a food product comprising the steps of:
  - (a) preparing a flexible and foldable mould, said mould being formed essentially from ~~about~~ 100 weight parts of a heat curable silicone elastomer material and cross-linking said silicone elastomer in the presence of about 0.5 to 2.0 weight parts of peroxide;
  - (b) baking said mould at an elevated temperature for a period of time sufficient to obtain a flexible and foldable mould product;
  - (c) rinsing said baked mould with boiling water for a period of time sufficient to remove the odor of the peroxide ~~cross-linking agent~~ therefrom; and,
  - (d) cleaning said rinsed mould by exposing it to ultrasonic treatment.
2. (Cancelled) The process as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of rinsing the silicone elastomer material with boiling water after the silicone elastomer material is manufactured.
3. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the rinsing with boiling water is conducted for from 4 to 16 hours.
4. (Cancelled) The process as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of ultrasonic washing the silicone elastomer material with ultrasonic wave after the silicone elastomer material is manufactured.

5. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ultrasonic treatment is conducted for from 5 to 30 minutes.
6. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the silicone elastomer material is a heat-curable silicone elastomer of the type intended for applications in contact with foodstuffs.
7. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the silicone elastomer contains methyl-vinyl polysiloxane.
8. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ~~peroxide cross-linking agent~~ is selected from the group consisting of benzoyl peroxide, bis-(2,4-dichlorobenzoyl) peroxide, dicumyl peroxide, di-tert-butyl peroxide, sym-chlorobutyl peroxide, 2,5-dimethyl-2,5-di-tert-butylperoxy hexane, di-tert-butylperoxy peroxide, 2,5-dimethyl-2,5-bis(tert-butylperoxy) hexane and tert-butyl cumyl peroxide.
9. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ~~peroxide cross-linking agent~~ is 2,5-dimethyl-2,5-di-tert-butylperoxy hexane.
10. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ~~peroxide cross-linking agent~~ used is in amount of 0.3-4 wt %, based on the total weight of other raw materials.
11. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1 that includes:
- (a) placing a food product to be baked into said mould;
  - (b) placing said mould containing said food product into a bake oven, said bake oven being at a baking temperature;

(c) maintaining said baking temperature for a period of time sufficient to bake said food product;

(d) removing said mould containing said baked food product from said oven; and,

(e) removing said baked food product from said mould.